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**REMARKS**

As requested by the Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen in a telephone conference on September 30, 2004, this is a re-submission of the original Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 which had been submitted by mail on June 7, 2004. As requested by the Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen, this resubmission contains all the amendment from the previous submittal except that the claims corresponding to Claims 17, and 26-33 have now been listed as "(new)" claims with new claim numbers (i.e., Claims 36-44). As requested, Claims 17 and 26-33 are now shown as canceled.

As stated in the original Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Claims 17 and 26-33 had been erroneously cancelled in an Examiner's amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed March 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 17 and 26-33 were cancelled without authorization from Applicants or Applicants' attorney. In this regard, Applicants submit that in the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated November 5, 2003, Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen had allowed Claims 1-35 and had withdrawn a previously issued restriction requirement regarding Claims 17 and 26-33. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 17 and 26-33 should have not been canceled and should have remain pending. Applicants brought these facts to the attention of Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen. Applicants also confirmed these facts to Primary Examiner Steven Nguyen in a teleconference on March 31, 2004.

As approved by Primary Examiner Steven Nguyen in the March 31, 2004 teleconference, Applicants respectfully request herein that the new Claims 36-44 corresponding to the erroneously canceled Claims 17 and 26-33 be included in the allowed claims for the present application.

The following table lists the new claims and the corresponding claim that had been mistakenly cancelled in the referenced Examiner's amendment:

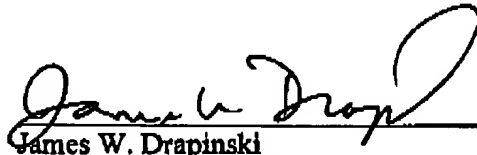
| <u>New Claim</u> | <u>Corresponding Claim which had been canceled in error</u> |
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| Claim 36         | Claim 17  |
| Claim 37         | Claim 26  |
| Claim 38         | Claim 27  |
| Claim 39         | Claim 28  |
| Claim 40         | Claim 29  |
| Claim 41         | Claim 30  |
| Claim 42         | Claim 31  |
| Claim 43         | Claim 32  |
| Claim 44         | Claim 33  |

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-16, 18-25, and 34-44 are in condition for allowance and such allowance is herein solicited. The above amendments to the specification and drawings are provided to correct minor typographical errors therein. The above amendments to add new claims are provided to include claims that were erroneously canceled by an Examiner's amendment. The foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter. The amendments are for the purpose of placing the application in better condition for printing and issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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